

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Stephan Rüdiger BLUM et al.

Serial No.: 10/553,662

Filed: August 21, 2006

For: Distillation Method

Examiner: Manoharan, Virginia

Group Art: 1797

Mail Stop **Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

SIR:

PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of August 3, 2009. Please charge our USPTO Deposit Account No. 03-2412 the amount of \$1110.00 in payment for a three-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to February 3, 2010 and the amount \$660.00 in payment for three additional independent claims in excess of 3. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our USPTO Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.